



Veterans' Affairs Committee

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room – 1st Floor
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

Summary Minutes

Approved: February 13, 2019

1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Bruce Hamilton at 6:00 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Gary Ochoa
Carol Rundell

C.W. Hall
William Burks
Henry Johnson
William Wojciechowski

John L. Grand
Peter Kane (Advisory Member)
Joel Stoltz (arrived at 6:05 pm)
Bruce Hamilton, Chairperson
Martin Belden
Melvin Morgan

Representing:

Arizona Department of Veterans Services
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary
Chapter 2
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26
Marine Corps League, Marana Nighthawk
Military Officers Association of America,
Tucson Chapter
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Tucson Airport Authority
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106
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Absent:

Phyllis Russell
Lester Craig
Luke Johnson
Shaun B. Pfund

Esperanza En Escalante
Korean War and Korea Service Veterans
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
Tucson Veterans Cemetery Group

Staff Member Present:

Delma Sanchez

City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Committee Member H. Johnson.

4. Introduction of Guests

Bob Slocum, Military Order of the Purple Heart
Lisette Eckman, Tucson Veterans Day Parade, gave a brief update on the upcoming Veterans Day Parade.
Terry Byron, Marana Night Hawk 72

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5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from December 12, 2018 meeting

It was moved by Committee Member C. W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 10 to 0 (Committee Members L. Craig, L. Johnson, S. Pfund, P. Russell and J. Stoltz absent), to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the December 12, 2018 meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report

Report was given by Committee Member M. Belden, and the financial report was distributed. It was moved by Committee Member C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 10 to 0 (Committee Members L. Craig, L. Johnson, S. Pfund, P. Russell and J. Stoltz absent) to accept the Financial Report.

7. Consideration/Approval of Members

a. Reappointment of Gary Ochoa, recommended by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

Chairperson B. Hamilton stated Committee Member G. Ochoa was being recommended for reappointment by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services.

It was moved by Committee Member H. Johnson, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 10 to 0 (Committee Members L. Craig, L. Johnson, S. Pfund, P. Russell and J. Stoltz absent) to reappoint Committee Member G. Ochoa to the Veterans' Affairs Committee, representing the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services.

b. Reappointment of Carol Rundell, recommended by the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Cactus Chapter #2

Chairperson B. Hamilton stated Committee Member C. Rundell was being recommended for reappointment by the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Cactus Chapter #2.

It was moved by Committee Member J. Stoltz, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 11 to 0 (Committee Members L. Craig, L. Johnson, S. Pfund and P. Russell absent) to reappoint Committee Member C. Russell to the Veterans' Affairs Committee, representing the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Cactus Chapter #2.

8. Committee Reports

a. Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

Committee Member C. Rundell stated the bowling event this year would be held on March 9, 2019. She indicated that tickets were \$20.00 per person and those not wanting to attend could donate their ticket to a veteran. She asked everyone to volunteer and donate to help veterans. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

b. Tucson Veterans Cemetery

A report was given by Committee Member G. Ochoa. He spoke on the importance of getting information out to veterans on filing their DD214 forms and have copies available to their families. He also stated that veterans could pre-register. A Discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

c. Arizona Department of Veterans' Service

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A report was given by Committee Member G. Ochoa. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

9. Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony Update/Discussion

Guest T. Byron gave an update on the Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony. She stated it was the 76th Annual Memorial Service and would be held on February 3, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Kino Veteran's Memorial Park. Handout was distributed. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

10. Including Military Lounge name to Bylaws Update/Discussion

It was moved by Committee Member H. Johnson, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 11 to 0, (Committee Members L. Craig, L. Johnson, S. Pfund and P. Russell absent) to change the name to Military Lounge from Military Liason Office in the bylaws.

11. Military Liaison Office Update/Discussion

Advisory Member P. Kane stated renovations were moving forward.

No formal action was taken.

12. Operation Exodus Update/Discussion

Advisory Member P. Kane gave an update on the Military Lounge. He indicated there were some items that were not very popular at last years Operation Exodus and he would keep that in mind for this year. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

13. Hats Off to Heroes Update/Discussion

Committee Member G. Ochoa stated the first meeting for Hats Off to Heroes would be held this month. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

14. Recruiting Efforts for VAC Membership Update/Discussion

Chairperson B. Hamilton opened the discussion by asking what could be done to attract new members/organizations to the Committee other than the letter that he signed and distributed. It was suggested the letter and hand outs be available at other organization events as well as VAC events, and possibly send out personal invitations. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

15. Discussion regarding Mayor Rothschild's attendance at future meetings

Chair B. Hamilton stated a letter was being sent on behalf of the Committee to Mayor Rothschild and meeting dates for 2019 were included. No formal action was taken.

16. Report on Current Events: For the Good of the Order

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members, H. Johnson, J. Stoltz, C. Rundell, M. Belden and Chair B. Hamilton. No formal action was taken.

17. Future Agenda Items:

- Veterans' Parade
- Dealing with water contamination – (will be scheduled in March)

18. Salute to Colors

19. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.